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MORE THAN 100 FOSTER YOUTH HONORED AT GRADUATION CELEBRATION

WHAT: Foster youth from the County of San Diego Health and Human Service Agency's (HHSA) Independent Living Skills program will be honored for receiving their high school diplomas, G.E.D.s or Certificates of Completion.

WHO: Greg Cox, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Chairman, District 1
Nick Macchione, Director, Health and Human Services Agency
Foster youth and their families

WHEN: Thursday, June 26
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Marina Village, Sunset Room
1936 Quivira Way
San Diego

WHY: More than 100 foster youth who graduated or received their G.E.D. or Certificate of Completion will be honored by HHSA's Independent Living Skills program.

Independent Living Skills is a program designed to assist teens 16 to 18 years of age who are in out-of-home placement and are likely to remain there until they can live on their own. Services are available to emancipated foster youth up to age 21. Foster youth are encouraged to develop independent living skills including: home management, financial planning and money management, accessing health and community resources and job readiness and employment search skills.

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Editor's Note: Selected foster youth will be available for interviews after the graduation ceremony.